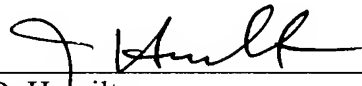


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Responsive to the restriction requirement, Applicant's elect for further prosecution independent Claims 1 and 212, including dependent Claims 2-4 and 213-215, respectively, directed to a handle, penetrator, cannula, blade and guard. A proper response having been filed, an early and favorable Office Action is believed to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

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